



NEWS RELEASE

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United States Attorney Deborah Gilg and the Federal Bureau of Investigation announce the following information for the attention of the media:

Event Triggering this Release:

Inessa Lyons, was sentenced to 100 months in prison by the Honorable Laurie Smith Camp, United States District Judge, following her convictions for Voluntary Manslaughter and Assault with a Dangerous Weapon. She was also ordered to serve a 3 year term of supervised release and pay \$6,097.00 in restitution for funeral expenses and \$3,500.00 in restitution for medical expenses. Lyons, though only 15 years of age at the time of the offenses, was prosecuted as an adult.

On July 2, 2008, two parties were taking place across the street from each other at the Tower Hill Apartments on the Omaha Indian Reservation in Macy, Nebraska. One party was taking place at number 57 Tower Hill. Another gathering was occurring at Unit 55 across the street. Both sides were trying to get the other to decrease the noise level so the police would not be called. Inessa Lyons, (age 15 at the time and a Native American), retrieved a knife from the kitchen at Unit 55. A number of individuals tried to calm Inessa Lyons down and tried to convince her to put away the knife. An altercation ensued with Lyons punching two other females. Lyons lunged at one of the victims, a fifteen year old female, and stabbed her once in the left chest with the knife. The victim pulled out the knife and collapsed. Lyons then grabbed the knife from the ground and stabbed the other victim, (18 years old at the time), once in the neck and three times in the scalp. The fifteen year old's wounds proved fatal as the knife hit her left ventricle. She later died from her injuries. The 18 year old recovered from her injuries.

Name of Defendant: Inessa Lyons

AKA:

Age: 18

City of residence: Macy, NE

Crime(s) Charged and Potential Penalty (A CHARGE is merely an accusation and every defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty): Voluntary Manslaughter, in violation of Title 18,

United States Code, Sections 1112 and 1153. Maximum penalty is up to 15 years imprisonment, a \$250,000 fine, or both imprisonment and fine, not less than 3 years of supervised release and a \$100 special assessment. Assault with a Dangerous Weapon, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 113(a)(3). Maximum penalty is up to 10 years imprisonment, a \$250,000 fine, or both imprisonment and fine, not less than 3 years of supervised release and a \$100 special assessment.

Specific Location of Alleged Crime: Omaha Indian Reservation

Location of Arrest:

Alleged Dollar Loss/Type and Quantity of Drug:

Others Charged in Same Scheme: NA

Relevant Dates:

Date of Alleged Crime: July 2, 2008

Federal Arrest Date: August 20, 2010

Date Complaint Issued: NA

Information Returned Date: November 19, 2010

Initial Appearance Date: Indictment, August 20, 2010

Trial and Date(s): N/A

Sentencing Date: February 17, 2011

Next Court Hearing Type and Date: Sentencing

Assigned Magistrate Judge: F. A. Gossett

Held without Bond, or Released from Custody: Held without Bond

In Continuous Custody Since: July 2, 2008

Assigned District Court Judge: Laurie Smith Camp

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